



**CITY OF MESA, ARIZONA  
ARIZONA PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL RETIREMENT SYSTEM  
LOCAL PENSION BOARD MEETING – FIRE/POLICE  
MARCH 23, 2009**

A meeting of the Public Safety Local Fire and Police Pension Boards of Mesa, Arizona, was held in Conference Room 170 West, 20 E. Main, 1<sup>ST</sup> Floor, on March 23, 2009 at 10:04 a.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Marty Whalen, Chairman  
Charlie Cluff (Fire)  
Kevin Kazmaier (Police)  
Ty Perkins (Fire)  
Floyd Smith (Police)

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Chris Brady, City Manager  
Kathy Pace (Citizen Member)

**STAFF PRESENT**

Linda Crocker, City Clerk  
Dee Ann Mickelsen, Sr Program Asst

**OTHERS PRESENT**

David Niederdeppe, Local Board Atty  
Tom Gaupel, Applicant (Police)

1. Approval of the minutes of the Public Safety Local Fire and Police Pension Boards meeting of February 19, 2009.

It was moved by Boardmember Smith, seconded by Boardmember Cluff, that the minutes of the Public Safety Local Fire and Police Pension Boards meeting of February 19, 2009 be approved.

Chairman Whalen declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

**FIRE PENSION BOARD**

2. Discuss and consider the DROP application of Fire Engineer Glenn Watson.

It was moved by Boardmember Cluff, seconded by Boardmember Perkins, that the DROP application of Fire Engineer Glenn Watson be approved.

Chairman Whalen declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

3. Consider termination of deceased member John Heinrich's normal pension benefit and approval of the Survivor's Benefit application of Helen Heinrich, spouse of deceased member.

It was moved by Boardmember Perkins, seconded by Boardmember Cluff, that the normal pension benefit of deceased member John Heinrich be terminated and the Survivor's Benefit application of Helen Heinrich, spouse of deceased member John Heinrich, be approved.

Chairman Whalen declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

Without objection, the meeting of the Local Fire Pension Board adjourned at 10:07 a.m.

## **POLICE PENSION BOARD**

4. Discuss and consider the election of Police Officer William Danielson to terminate his participation in the DROP program and apply for Normal Retirement.

It was moved by Boardmember Kazmaier, seconded by Boardmember Smith, that the election of Police Officer William Danielson to terminate participation in the DROP Program and apply for Normal Retirement be approved.

Chairman Whalen declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

5. Discuss and consider the election of Police Officer Ricky Gwaltney to terminate his participation in the DROP program and apply for Normal Retirement.

It was moved by Boardmember Kazmaier, seconded by Boardmember Smith, that the election of Police Officer Ricky Gwaltney to terminate participation in the DROP Program and apply for Normal Retirement be approved.

Chairman Whalen declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

6. Discuss and consider the reinstatement of Police Officer Randolph Hinckley to active PSPRS membership status.

It was moved by Boardmember Smith, seconded by Boardmember Kazmaier, that Police Officer Randolph Hinckley be reinstated to active PSPRS membership status.

Chairman Whalen declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

7. Discuss and consider the Accidental Disability Retirement application of Police Officer Leroy Michael Flores.

In response to questions posed by Local Board Attorney David Niederdeppe, Boardmember Smith indicated that Officer Flores has been on restricted (modified) work status for several months.

Chairman Whalen stated the opinion that Dr. Seivert's report supports Officer Flores' application for an Accidental Disability Retirement and that, in view of the absence of questions from the Board, he would entertain a motion relative to this case.

It was moved by Boardmember Smith, seconded by Boardmember Kazmaier, that the Accidental Disability Retirement application of Police Officer Leroy Michael Flores be approved, based on the fact that Officer Flores has a physical condition which totally and permanently prevents him from performing a reasonable range of duties within his job classification of Police Officer and which was incurred during the performance of his duties.

Chairman Whalen declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

8. Discuss and consider the Accidental Disability Retirement application of Police Officer John Duhigg.

Subsequent to a request from the applicant, this case has been continued to the April 16, 2009 Local Board meeting.

(The Board recessed at 10:17 a.m. in order to convene an Executive Session and reconvened the

Public Safety Local Police Pension Board meeting at 10:20 a.m.)

9. Discuss and consider the Accidental Disability Retirement application of Police Officer Thomas Gaupel.

Chairman Whalen welcomed Police Officer Thomas Gaupel to the meeting. Chairman Whalen advised Officer Gaupel that the members of the Local Board have reviewed his application and medical records. Chairman Whalen outlined the process that would be followed by the Board and encouraged the members to pose any questions they may have regarding Officer Gaupel's pending Accidental Disability application.

In response to questions posed by Boardmembers, Officer Gaupel provided a brief overview of his disabling injuries and subsequent treatments.

Chairman Whalen indicated that Officer Gaupel's application is lacking medical specifics relative to his disabling injury as it relates to his ability to perform his job.

Chairman Whalen stated that in view of the absence of questions from the Board, he would entertain a motion relative to this case.

It was moved by Boardmember Smith, seconded by Boardmember Kazmaier, that the case for pending disability applicant Police Officer Thomas Gaupel be continued until additional medical documentation is received and can be reviewed by the Local Board.

Chairman Whalen declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

10. Status Update: Fund Manager review of the Accidental Disability application of Police Sergeant Audrey Glemba.

Local Board Attorney David Niederdeppe provided an update relative to the Fund Manager review of the Accidental Disability retirement of Police Sergeant Audrey Glemba.

11. Adjournment.

Without objection, the meeting of the Local Police Pension Board adjourned at 10:39 a.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Public Safety Local Fire and Police Pension Boards meeting of Mesa, Arizona, held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March 2009. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

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LINDA CROCKER, CITY CLERK